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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT UNION CARBIDE (ARGENTINA) THREATENED

REF: (A) BUENOS AIRES 5160, (B) BUENOS AIRES 5609, (C) BUENOS AIRES 5673, (D) BUENOS AIRES 5774, (E) BUENOS AIRES 6078, (F) BUENOS AIRES 6214, (G) BUENOS AIRES 7179, (H) BUENOS AIRES 7218

1. ON NOV. 15, FEDERICO A. DODDS, PRESIDENT UNION CARBIDE ARGENTINA, ADVISED THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRE AND THE RSO OF THE FOLLOWING, ON NOV. 12, THE SECURITY GUARD OFFICE AT THE EVEREADY PLANT OF UNION CARBIDE, BUENOS AIRES, RECEIVED A PHONE CALL ON A RESTRICTED AND UNLISTED NUMBER. THE PERSON MAKING THE CALL ASKED TO SPEAK TO MR. DODDS. THE CALLER WAS ADVISED THAT DODDS WAS NOT PRESENT AT WHICH TIME THE GUARD WAS INFORMED THAT DODDS WAS GOING TO BE EXECUTED BY THE PEOPLE. THE CALLER BROKE THE CONNECTION AND DID NOT IDENTIFY HIMSELF AS BEING A REP OF ANY TERRORIST ELEMENT.

2. DODDS ADVISED THAT HIS COMPANY HAD HAD NO LABOR

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PROBLEMS. HE STATED THAT THE ONLY THING THAT HE COULD

THINK OF WHICH MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE CALL WAS THAT A UNION SHOP STEWARD (METAL WORKERS UNION) EMPLOYED BY HIS COMPANY HAD BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY THE POLICE. THIS ARGENTINE NATIONAL, WHO IS STILL IN CUSTODY AND HAS NOT BEEN CHARGED, WAS INFORMED THAT HE WAS PICKED UP AS THE RESULT OF A DENUNCIA BY THE COMPANY. DODDS REVEALED THAT THIS PARTICULAR EMPLOYEE HAS AN EXTENSIVE POLITICAL BACKGROUND, IS A DEDICATED AND COMMITTED PERONIST. DODDS ADVISED THAT HIS COMPANY HAD NOT MADE ANY ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THIS INDIVIDUAL AND THAT HE PLANS TO HAVE THE LEGAL SECTION OF THE COMPANY MAKE AN INQUIRY TO COURT IN ORDER TO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WHY THE COMPANY IS BEING BLAMED FOR THE DETENTION OF THE SHOP STEWARD.

3. RSO COMMENT: THE TERRORIST MOVEMENT IN ARGENTINA CONTINUES TO TAKE ITS TOLL OF US AND OTHER BUSINESS EXECUTIVES AT RANDOM. THE LATEST VICTIM WAS VIRGINIO GARCIA OF TEXTIL OESTE WHO WAS GUNNED DOWN AT 1245 HRS NOV. 15 WHILE RETURNING TO HIS HOME IN SAN JUSTO, SUBURB OF BUENOS AIRES. ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS, EYE-WITNESSES REVEALED THAT A CAR DREW UP NEAR THE VICTIM WITH 2 MEN INSIDE. ONE OF THE MEN DISMOUNTED, SHOOTING GARCIA AT POINT-BLANK RANGE. SUBSEQUENTLY THE 2 MEN FLED THE SCENE IN THE VEHICLE.
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